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City of Belmont

City Manager's Weekly **Update**



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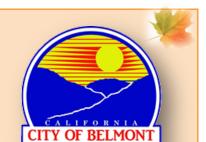
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Nov. 27-28th City Hall Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

2nd Dec. Planning Commission Meeting (agenda)

Dec. 3rd Park & Recreation Commission Meeting (agenda) 9th **Council Meeting - Council Reorganization**

16th **Planning Commission** Dec.



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Executive Summary

Council Approves Reduction of Solid Waste/Recycling Rates

After the Public Hearing on November 25th, the City Council approved a reduction in the solid waste rates for residential and commercial customers for calendar year 2015 (effective on January 1, 2015) - the rates will go down an average of 4.51%. This reduction in rates will affect both the residential and commercial solid waste rates.

Below are the existing and the newly approved monthly residential rates:

	Existing	2015 Rates
20 Gallon Cart	\$21.61	\$21.00
32 Gallon Cart	\$35.79	\$34.86
64 Gallon Cart	\$78.86	\$71.03
96 Gallon Cart	\$127.49	\$111.30

Information on rates and program information including service level options can be found on the City's <u>Garbage and Recycling Page</u>

Upcoming Community Events

Carlmont Shopping Center Holiday Lights

The Carlmont shopping center will be holding its holiday lights ceremony and holiday boutique Monday, December 1st from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

"Belmont Breakfast Speakers"

"Belmont Breakfast Speakers" sponsored by the Belmont Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, December 3rd at Café Bliss. The no host breakfast begins at 7:30 am with a presentation by Councilmember Charles Stone followed by a question and answer session.

Wishing you and your families a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday weekend!

Beautiful Belmont Award-Seeking Nominations



The City of Belmont City Council proudly announces the upcoming 8th Annual presentation of the Beautiful Belmont Awards Program at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00 pm. The City is calling for nominations from the community in both Residential and Commercial categories.

This recognition program is designed to acknowledge individuals, businesses, and community groups who have enhanced the community by making significant exterior improvements to their Belmont properties. Eligible improvements include the enhancement, upgrading, reconstruction, or replacement of a property, making it more visually appealing as well as enriching the surrounding neighborhood or district.

For more information on the Beautiful Belmont Awards Program, or to submit a nomination, please call the Finance Department at (650) 595-7433 or e-mail at nvoelker@belmont.gov.

Examples of previous years' winners:







Ralston Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project

During last week's pipe boring operations the City's contractor experienced some unforeseen difficulties which required changing the construction plans for the sewer project on Ralston. The new plan requires setting up three additional bore pits to provide easier access for inserting the pipe through the planned alignment.

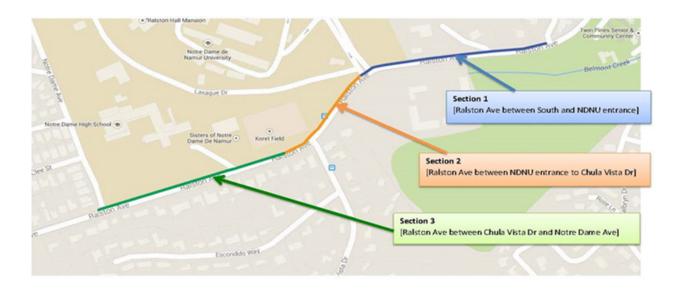
An extra pit was dug this week at the Ralston Avenue/Chula Vista Drive intersection. This operation required new traffic control plans to accommodate the relocation of the tunnel boring equipment onto Ralston Avenue, requiring closure of the westbound left turn lane to Chula Vista Drive. On Tuesday, 550 linear feet of pipe was successfully installed. Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday, this segment of the roadway has been reopened.

Weather permitting, the construction operations will resume on December 1st at the same location (Ralston Avenue/Chula Vista Drive intersection). Traffic control set-up will close the left turn lane onto Chula Vista during construction. An additional 600 feet of pipe will be installed from this location. Traffic delays should be expected on Ralston Avenue due to sewer main construction.

Additionally, Ralston Avenue WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 6:00 AM TO 7:00 AM ON TUESDAY MORNING (Dec. 2nd) to bring two sections of fused pipes (600' long) from Notre Dame Avenue to Chula Vista.

Make sure to include additional time into your daily commute and use alternate routes.

For additional information, please contact Public Works at 650-595-7425



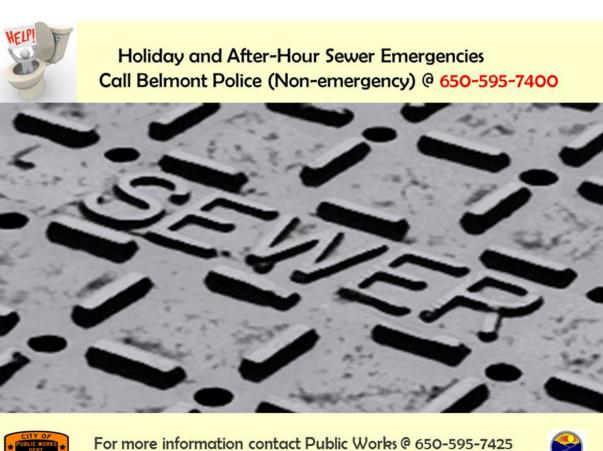






Sewer Division

- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 5 service calls
- Cleaned flushable wipes from debris catcher in Ralston Ranch Pump Station
- Staff worked on troubleshooting the transducer Monday at the Hasting Pump Station
- Replaced transducer on Tuesday at the Hasting Pump Station







Storm Division

- Swept 99 miles of roadway resulting in the acquisition of 11.69 tons of debris
- Performed weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake dam, dock, roadway, and vditch
- Inspected and cleaned 2 Storm Pump Stations
- Cleaned and inspected 10 drain inlets
- Cleaned and inspected 5 full trash capture devices
- Cleaned 25 drain inlet tops allowing stormwater to reach the system
- Took the monthly pezometer readings at Water Dog Lake
- Conducted Wet Weather Wet Well inspections at both Ralston and Harbor Storm Pump Stations

Fill-It-Yourself Sandbag Stations



Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

City Hall

One Twin Pines Lane (rear parking lot)

Belmont Corp Yard 110 Sem Lane

> Fire Station 15 2701 Cipriani

Residents may obtain up to 10 bags per Belmont address.



For more information contact Public Works @ 650-595-7425



Traffic Operations

- Weekly visual inspections for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Visual inspection of lighted crosswalks
- Installed 3 signs
- Ralston Banners: 2 down and 2 up
- Repaired 3 streetlights
- Performed annual maintenance on 1 automatic transfer switch
- Fabricated 2 signs
- Installed 1 sign pole
- Straightened 1 sign pole
- Conducted emergency generator operations training for Hiller Pump Station
- Installed new level transducer at Hastings Pump Station
- Installed new vault lid for fiber vault on Ralston
- Continue Stop sign audit 25% complete
- Assist Parks Department with basketball court upgrades at Barrett
- Made wet well entry at Ralston Storm pump station to service the level transducer

Streets Division

- Marked out 10 Underground Service Alerts
- Dugout 4.34 tons of asphalt in front of 820 Anita Avenue, compacted the base and oiled
- Put down 2 lifts using 5.11 tons of asphalt
- Dugout 9.31 tons of asphalt in front of 808 Anita Avenue, compacted the base and oiled
- Put down 2 lifts using 10.5 tons of asphalt
- Put down 5.5 tons of asphalt front of 2516 Read using two lifts
- Checked and replenished sand and bags at all 3 locations
- Saw cut in preparation for paving at 3 locations
- Filled four potholes in front of 411 Old Ralston per service request #6931



Rain Barrel Workshop (Tom Bressan)

Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA)

Saturday, December 6, 2014 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Located in "The Lodge" located at 40 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont

This workshop is FREE! Sign up to reserve your seat.

This rain barrel workshop will discuss the collection of rainwater for on-site landscape irrigation. Learn how you can save water, reduce pollution, and receive a rebate of up to \$100!

Tom Bressan of The Urban Farmer Store will explain why the use of rain barrels as alternative water systems are growing in popularity, how much water and money can be saved by installing the system, and which system work best for different people's needs. He will show techniques for assembling and maintaining rainwater harvesting systems for a typical residence.

This workshop is presented in partnership by the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency and San Mateo County Water Pollution Prevention Program.

Rain barrels will be available for purchase following the event.



Effective January 1, 2015 Paper Bag Fee Increase

The paper bag fee will increase from .10 $\mathbb C$ to .25 $\mathbb C$ at point of sale on January 1,2015.

Remember*
BY O B -Bring Your Own Bag





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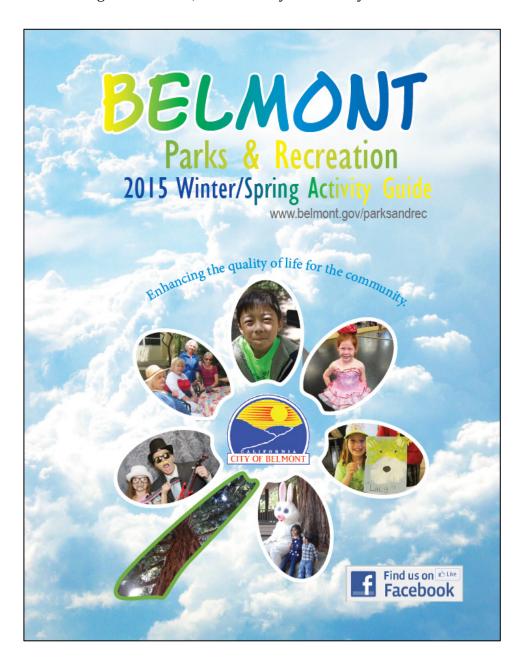


Parks and Recreation



Registration for Winter/Spring Classes Begins

Register for Winter/Spring classes starting Friday, November 28th, 2015! Easily register online, http://bit.ly/BelmontCARegister, or visit the Parks and Recreation office, 30 Twin Pines Lane to sign up. Keep your eyes on the mailbox as you will receive your Activity Guide in the post soon! Programs start in January and run through April. From arts to athletics and school aged to seniors, we have all your activity needs covered!



Little Lending Library at Patricia Wharton Park



The Parks Department installed a Little Lending Library at Patricia Wharton Park. This kiosk houses books donated by the Belmont Library and will be maintained by resident Children volunteers. and adults can borrow or donate books freely, read on the park benchs, or take the books home. We love partnering with our library and community volunteers to bring unique opportunities to our residents!

Annual Tree Giveaway

Thirty trees were given to residents this week as part of the Annual Tree Giveaway Program. The applicants apply in the fall through the Activity Guide and trees must be planted on their Belmont property. The City of Belmont has the distinction of being recognized as a "Tree City USA" from the National Arbor Day Foundation and staff enjoyed sharing this exciting experience with residents!

"I wanted to say thank you for the fantastic plum tree! We are so happy to have it and appreciate it very much."

Regards, Resident Notre Dame Ave.



Fall Colors at Twin Pines Park

The fall colors are visible at Twin Pines Park. The spectacular Ginko trees are in full color presenting a wonderful backdrop for the meadow. Every year, we receive many questions about a smell that comes from the meadow area. Unfortunately, some of our grand Ginko trees also produce a nut this time of year with a fruit around it that contains a chemical that smells similar to rotting butter. We came across this article which shows that we are not the only City that is dealing with the issue:

http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-news-from-elsewhere-30177505

Although the trees can impact the nose they are a treat for the eyes. Come down to Twin Pines over the Thanksgiving weekend to see the fall colors.





new Rain Barrel Rebate Program!!!

In partnership with the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program (a program of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County), BAWSCA and MPWD are offering rebates of up to \$100 per rain barrel for the purchase and installation of qualifying rain barrels. For more details, please visit:

www.midpeninsulawater.org/rain-barrel



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Community Calendars

Twin Pines Community Center

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday
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*Some activities are drop-in, some require Signing up (S), some require Registration with Parks & Recreation (R)
*Activities are subject to change. Please call 595-7444 to confirm.

Belmont Public Library

Pecember 2014 At the Belmont Library http://www.facebook.com/smclbelmont

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Holiday Food Tasting	2 * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club	3 * 10:30a Comp. Class: Borrowing eBooks * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime * 7:00p 1st Wed. Bk Grp: The River of Doubt by Candice Millard	# 10:30a Toddler ST # 3:30p Imagination Playground # 7:00p Tasty Pairings: Port, Wine and Cheese with Laura Stec	5 * 10:30a Pres. Storytime * 11:15a Russian Storytime * 4:00p Science Club	6 # 10:00a Holiday Open House # 10:00a Friends Book Sale # 3:00p Four Woods Holiday Concert
7 * 2:00p Docent Lecture: Houghton Hall from The deYoung Museum	8 * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Teen Holiday Party	9 * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club	1 O * 10:30a Computer Coach * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime	1 1 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 2:00p Mystery Bk Grp: The Scarecrow by Michael Connelly * 3:30p Imagination Playgr. * 6:15p Teen Study Night	1 2 * 10:30a Preschool ST * 11:15a Russian Storytime * 4:00p Science Club * 7:00p First Friday Flicks: How to Train Your Dragon 2	* 10:30a Family ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 2:00p A Downton Abbey Christmas
14 ** 3:00p Carlmont Improv Showcase	15 * 10:30a Baby Storytime * 12:00p Senior Health Talk: Healthy Holiday Meals * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Teen Movie	16 * 10:30a Musical ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids' Craft Club * 6:30p Paws for Tales	1.7 * 10:30a Comp Class: Instagram * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Holiday Songs and Stories	18 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 3:30p Imagination Playground	* 10:30a Pres. Storytime **11:15a Russian Storytime ** 7:00p Reel Musical Film: Umbrellas of Cherbourg	20 * 2:00p North Pole Review with the Fratello Marionettes
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